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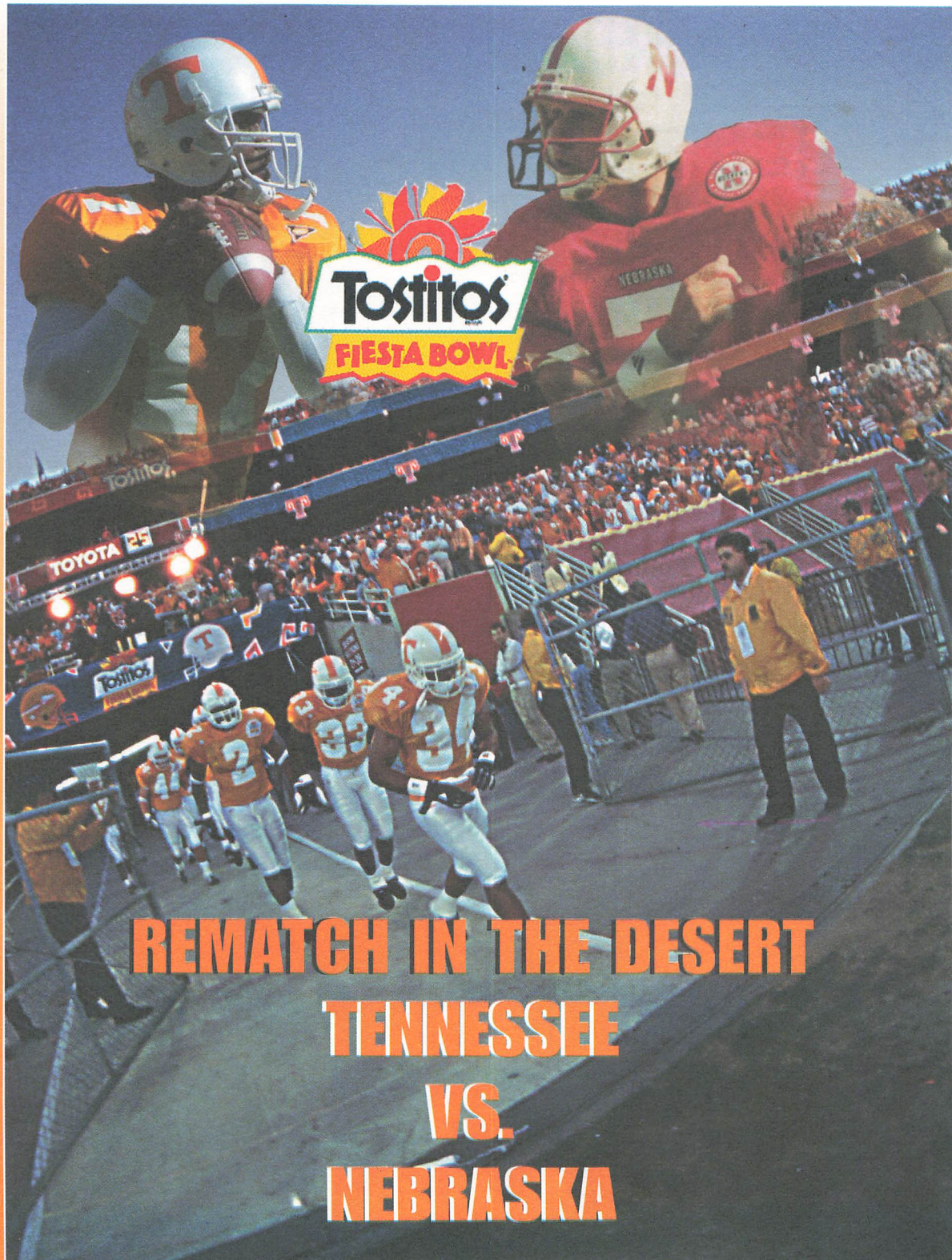

REMATCH IN THE DESERT
TENNESSEE VS. NEBRASKA

T CLUB

2000 Spring Lettermen's Weekend

With the 1999 Fall Lettermen's Weekend now behind us, I thought it would be an appropriate time to turn our thoughts to the year 2000 and our annual Spring Lettermen's Weekend to be held April 14-15. I am chairman for the golf committee and I would like to make everyone aware of our plans for this year's outing.

The outing will be Friday, April 14, and will again be held at Willow Creek Golf Club. First, and most importantly, the golf outing has grown considerably over the past couple of years. We had approximately 130 participants in the 1999 outing. This is significant because we cannot exceed 144 participants and continue to have just one outing in the afternoon.

Arrangements can be made with Willow Creek to have the golf course the entire day, but in order to do this, we need to know that we have exceeded 144 participants as soon as possible.

Therefore, I urge everyone to please send in your entry forms in by the deadline indicated on the form and encourage you r fellow lettermen to join us. Secondly, the golf committee believes that in an effort to come up with a fair tournament format, we are taking away from the intended purpose of the golf outing. We have concluded that the focus of the golf outing should be to renew friendships and tell stories of our days "on The Hill."

Therefore, we have chosen to make this year's golf outing an "event" and not a "tournament." Everyone will receive a gift bag and there will be awards for "closest to the hole" on par 3s as well as some door prizes to be picked up after completion of play, but there will not be any team awards. Each group will be responsible for deciding what format they want to play (individual stroke play, scramble, etc.). Pace of play will be the only concern. Everyone will be urged to move along at a reasonable pace regardless of the format chosen by each individual group.

April is just around the corner, so circle the 14th on your calendar and begin making plans to participate in this year's "event." I look forward to seeing you there.

--Greg Watts ('86)
Golf Committee

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

A Lettermen's Homecoming

All of us are familiar with the traditional homecoming weekend each fall during football season. However, for many lettermen, the true "homecoming" occurs during the fall lettermen's weekend. This is my first time to reflect on our lettermen's weekend, which was extraordinary in many ways, since the Vanderbilt game Nov. 27.

First we began our morning with the ceremonial groundbreaking for the Letterman's Wall. Much has been said about our Wall; however the excitement and realization that has begun was the highlight of the weekend. Without the leadership of Pat Shires, Gordon Polofsky, Gene Moeller and others, as well as the vision and generosity of Doug Dickey (in helping us secure the land for the Wall), this project would have never happened. Further, involvement of both the Men's and Women's Athletic Departments in identifying over 4000 letter winners through the history of this University has been monumental. When this project is completed, it will be unique in the nation and a tribute to all of those who made our University's sports programs great.

Immediately after groundbreaking, we returned to the Ray Mears Room for our annual brunch and "State of the Club" speech. The food, courtesy of Phil Blackstock, was wonderful. Even more satisfying than Phil's food was to watch the friendships, new and old, renewed throughout the course of the meeting. As always, both Doug Dickey and Joan Cronan addressed the group. Their kindness and leadership have made it clear that they, as well as all of us, will always belong to this University.

There were many highlights throughout the meeting, the first of which was the presentation of this year's honorary lettermen. This year a record number six (6) individuals were inducted, spanning many years of service to The University of Tennessee Men's and Women's Athletic Departments. This year's honorees were Dr. Andy Holt and Dr. Ed Boling, both past presidents of The University of Tennessee; Gloria Ray, the first Women's Athletics Director at UT; Dr. Bill Youmans, team orthopedic surgeon; Russ Bebb, statistician, writer and author for UT football; and John Thorntnon, benefactor and long-time supporter of UT Athletics. Probably the most memorable of the acceptance speeches came from Gloria Ray and Bill Youmans, both sharing their unique perspectives on their experience here. Gloria gave the history of how the Women's Athletic Department became the Lady Vols (versus other less flattering or other politically incorrect names). Dr. Youmans was just happy that most of his patients could still stand. Their humor and gratitude, as well as the other honorary members was well received and appreciated.

The other moment that was extraordinary at this meeting was a story that many knew but many others had forgotten. In 1966, a tragedy occurred for our athletics program. While returning from a spring break trip, to UT football players, Tom Fisher and John Crumbacher were killed in an automobile accident. Both were popular players on the football team and were dearly missed. However, as time marches on and memories begin to fade, this incident had settled into the distant past of UT. Much to the surprise of the Crumbacher family, a donation to the Lettermen's Wall was made honoring John Crumbacher shortly before our Lettermen's meeting. His family learned of the donation and his brother and his sister, along with other members of the family honored us with their attendance at our annual meeting and the Vanderbilt game. It is moments like these that our service and involvement to our organization becomes well worth it.

At half time of the Vanderbilt game, the lettermen were invited down onto the field and were recognized in our now annual tradition of forming the "Lettermen's Tunnel," for the football team's return to the field. Fortunately, no golf, tennis or diving alumni were trampled by the returning football team and all of us, particularly the non-football alumni, enjoyed our moment on the field.

In closing, all of us have much to be thankful for this holiday season. The state of the "T" Club has never been better. We are undertaking our largest project in the history with the Lettermen's Wall. The support that we are given by both the athletic departments, in particular Coach Dickey, Billy Henry, Bob Davis, Gene Moeller, Joan Cronan, Donnell Field and law assistant Erin Thomas is overwhelming and should remind every letterman no matter their age or sport that when you are at UT, you are truly home. Merry Christmas!

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THE FIRST WORD. . .

CHAMPS Program

Congratulations to the Tennessee Student-Athletes on the 1999 SEC Academic Honor Roll

Will Bartholomew, Football, Finance - Junior
Marcus Carr, Football, Exercise Science - Senior
Sammy Frogg, Football, Business - Senior
Eli Jones, Football, Arts & Sciences - Junior
Casey Mabry, Football, Broadcasting - Senior
Eric Campbell, Football, Exercise Science - Senior
John Finlayson, Football, Agricultural Economics & Business - Junior
Josh Houston, Football, Logistics & Transportation - Senior
David Leaverton, Football, Logistics & Transportation - Senior
Joey Mathews, Football, Sociology - Sophomore
Will Overstreet, Football, Arts & Sciences - Sophomore
Benson Scott, Football, College Scholars - Graduate
Burney Veazey, Football, Business - Sophomore
Josh Plemons, Football, Exercise Science - Junior
Josh Tucker, Football, Mechanical Engineering - Senior
Heather Handel, Soccer, Logistics & Transportation - Senior
Stacey Longino, Soccer, Logistics & Transportation - Senior
Melissa Majcher, Soccer, Accounting - Senior
Heather Redecker, Soccer, Nursing - Senior
Sarah Shivley, Soccer, General Business - Senior
Kelly Berrall, Soccer, World Business & Spanish - Junior
Laura Lauter, Soccer, Speech Communications - Junior
Rachael Newkirk, Soccer, Nursing - Junior
Lisa Tipton, Soccer, Advertising - Junior
Allison Campbell, Soccer, Exercise Science - Sophomore
Ellen Dean, Soccer, Arts & Sciences - Sophomore
Sharon Holmes, Soccer, Anthropology - Sophomore
Kim Sgarlata, Soccer, Arts & Sciences - Sophomore
Mandy Bergey, Volleyball, Nutrition - Sophomore
Lauren Clayton, Volleyball, Recreation & Tourism Management - Senior
Melissa Kowalski, Volleyball, Sociology - Senior
Andrea Peterson, Volleyball, English - Sophomore
Lauren Proctor, Volleyball, Biology - Sophomore
Ariana Wilson, Volleyball, Advertising - Junior

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Vols Compile an Impressive 9-2 Season

WHAT THEY ACCOMPLISHED DURING 1999

100 WINS IN THE 1990s

From the Jan. 1, 1990, Cotton Bowl win over Arkansas to the Nov. 27, 1999, triumph over Vanderbilt, Tennessee won 100 games in the 1990s. The Vols are one of only five Division I-A teams to post 100 wins in the decade. It is the most wins ever recorded in a decade by a Vol team.

The Vols will also be looking for their fifth consecutive season with at least 10 victories when they take on Nebraska. UT has compiled a 54-7 record over the last five years, winning two Southeastern Conference titles and a national championship.

HOME COOKIN'

Tennessee has the sixth-winningest home record (57-7 - .891) in college football during the 1990s thanks to a 31-1 mark over the last five seasons. Tennessee has won 22 in a row at Neyland Stadium, which ties Kansas State for the second longest streak in the nation. Marshall has a 31-game home winning streak to lead the nation.

The Vols have also won 15 straight SEC home games which is a school record and the third longest in league history, trailing Alabama's string of 35 from 1973-82 and Florida's streak of 16 from 1994-99.

The longest UT home winning streak is 30 games from 1928-33 and the longest unbeaten string of 55 games came from 1925-33.

VOL DEFENSE

The Vols rank seventh nationally in scoring (14.8) and rushing (89.6) defense while placing 11th in total defense (297.7). In the SEC, they were second in scoring, third in total and fourth in rushing defense.

They allowed 17 points or less seven times, including posting a 24-0 blanking of Auburn. Four times they held opponents to 10 points or less. Three times in the last four years, UT's defense held opponents to less than 15 points per game (1998-14.4; 1996-14.3).

The Vols tightened up in the second half of games, allowing just 75 points. They gave up 88 in the first half. They have allowed just 35 points in the second half over the last six games.

Tennessee has gained 85 points off opponent turnovers, nearly half of the opponent point total for the season.

Tennessee's seventh-ranked rushing defense gave up just three rushing touchdowns, the lowest total since full record keeping began at UT in 1950. Over the last 23 regular season games, the Vols gave up only eight scores on the ground.

The Vols did not allow a rushing touchdown through the first seven games, becoming the last team in Division I or I-AA to give up a rushing score, when Notre Dame scored in the second quarter of that game.

The Vols held six opponents to less than 100-yards rushing, while Arkansas' Cedric Cobbs is the only individual to rush for more than 100 yards against the defense. Opponents averaged just 2.7 yards per rush.

The Vols also topped the SEC interception chart with 21 picks on the season. That total tied the 1972 team for the 10th most in school history. It was the first time since 1990 that a Vol team had intercepted at least 20 in a season.

They intercepted at least one pass in a game nine times, including a season-high five against Kentucky. UT also had four versus Auburn and three against Florida.

UT's defense allowed only 18 touchdowns this season which ranked second in the SEC.

Opponents converted 44-of-153 third down opportunities (28.8 percent) and only 2-of-14 fourth downs (14.2 percent). Over the last five games, opponents converted only 17-of-67 (25 percent) third down opportunities.

The Vols also made 110 minus yardage plays with sacks and tackles for loss combined. That is the second-most in school history behind the 113 stops recorded in 1996. It is the fifth straight year the defensive unit has charted at least 100 stops behind the line of scrimmage.

VOLS OFFENSE

Tennessee led the SEC in rushing (191.3) and scoring (31.6) while ranking third in total offense (406.2) and eighth in passing (214.9).

The Vols led the conference with a 191.3 rushing average per game while pacing all 12 league schools with 30 rushing touchdowns and a 4.58 average per rush. They also led the SEC with 42 offensive touchdowns and ranked second with a 5.8 average per play.

They rushed for more than 200 yards in three of the last four games, gaining 995 yards on 177 carries for a 5.6 average. They gained a season-high 315 yards against Vanderbilt. It was the most yards gained on the ground since a 334-yard output against Houston in 1998. Against Kentucky, they ran for 294 yards while scoring six rushing touchdowns.

The Vols averaged 213.4 yards per game over the last eight games and scored 24 rushing touchdowns during that span. They had a 100-yard rusher in five of the last six games while scoring at least two rushing touchdowns and totalling at least 165 yards running in each of those eight games.

UT had an individual top 100 yards rushing six times (Jamal Lewis-3; Travis Henry-3) while having two players top 100 yards receiving four times (Cedrick Wilson-3; Donte' Stallworth-1).

For the seventh straight year, UT's offense averaged more than 400 yards per game, rating third in the SEC with a 406.2 average. They gained more than 400 yards total offense in each of the last five games and eight times on the season. Against Wyoming, they rolled up a season-high 522 yards, while scoring a season-high eight touchdowns in the Kentucky game.

The Vols ranked eighth in the SEC in passing, averaging 214.9 yards through the air. They passed for at least 200 yards in a game five times, with a season-high 311 coming in the Arkansas game.

Tennessee ranked second in third down conversion successes at 40.3 percent. Its success rate on third downs improved over the last seven games as they converted 48 percent (49-of-102), compared to just 25.9 percent in the first four games (14-of-54).

TOTAL ATTENDANCE MARK

With seven home games in 1999, the Vols established a total attendance mark of 747,870, bettering the mark of 667,280 set in seven games 1993. They had four crowds top 107,000 this season, including the second-largest of 107,619 for the Notre Dame game. It was only the third time a single-game attendance topped 107,600.

The four crowds of st least 107,000 (Wyoming-107,597, Memphis-107,261, Georgia-107,247 and Notre Dame-107,619) all ranked among the top eight in Neyland Stadium history.

The 1999 average attendance of 106,839 ranked as the second highest to last year's mark of 106,914.

The Vols have averaged more than 106,000 in attendance the last three years and at least 105,000 since the most recent stadium expansion in 1996.

Average attendance over the last four years: 1996—105,418; 1997—106,538; 1998—106,914, 1999—106,839.

SACK ATTACK

Tennessee was second in the SEC with 42 sacks which tied for the second-highest total in school history with the 1995 team. The record of 47 was set in 1997. They recorded a school-record 13 sacks in the season-opener against Wyoming and registered at least five sacks on three more occasions (Georgia, Notre Dame and Kentucky).

Five Vols recorded at least four sacks, with Tennessee's defensive front four leading the way with 27 of the 42 sacks (64 percent). Defensive ends Shaun Ellis and Will Overstreet led the Vols with 8.5 and 7.5 sacks, respectively. Defensive tackle Darwin Walker added seven, while fellow tackle John Henderson and linebacker Anthony Sessions had four apiece.

TURNOVER MARGIN

The Vols finished with a plus-4 in turnover margin on the season which ranked fourth in the SEC and tied for 30th nationally. They closed the season strong, going a plus-5 in turnover margin over the last four games, after going minus-6 in three games against Georgia, Alabama and South Carolina when the defense forced only one turnover. UT was a plus-5 in the first four games, forcing 16 turnovers. They had only 12 in the last seven games while giving it up 13 times themselves.

NON-LEAGUE ACTION

Tennessee has enjoyed remarkable success against non-conference opponents. Since 1989, the Vols have amassed a 39-6-1 mark in games against foes from outside the SEC. The Vols have not dropped a non-conference home decision since a 34-29 loss to No. 1 ranked Notre Dame in 1990, a string of 21 consecutive games.

SENIORS FINISH STRONG

The Vols have a total of 23 seniors who fashioned a 43-6 (.878) mark over the last four years, winning a national championship in 1998 and two SEC titles in 1997 and 1998, while winning bowl games against Northwestern in

All-America Cosey Coleman and his front line mates must be ready for a stingy "Blackshirt" defense.

DE Shaun Ellis will be a factor against the Cornhuskers vaunted option offense.

Eric Westmoreland should be ready to go come bowl time in Tempe.

Tee Martin Reaches Top 5 Among Vol QBs...

the Citrus Bowl and Florida State in the Fiesta Bowl.

The seniors include *Mikki Allen, Matt Blankenship, Marcus Carr, Chad Clifton, Phillip Crosby, Derrick Edmonds, Shaun Ellis, Dwayne Goodrich, Kevin Gregory, Gerald Griffin, Robert Loudermilk, Casey Mabry, Tee Martin, Bryan McCann, Troy McMaken, Billy Ratliff, Spencer Riley, Benson Scott, Raynoch Thompson, Josh Tucker, Darwin Walker, Jason Waters and Fred White.*

FULMER EARNS EDDIE ROBINSON DISTINCTION AWARD

Head coach Phillip Fulmer was honored with the second annual State Farm Eddie Robinson Coach of Distinction Award in 1999. The award is presented to an active college football head coach who best exemplifies Coach Robinson's legacy of being a role model and mentor to students and players.

The award carries a $10,000 prize that will go to the University of Tennessee's general scholarship fund.

TEE MARTIN

Tee Martin owns a 22-2 mark as a starter, going undefeated at home, posting a two-year mark of 13-0.

His 2317 passing yards ranks as the sixth-best single-season mark in school history, while his 2634 yards of total offense is fifth. His 165 completions rates ninth while the 305 attempts is sixth.

Martin led the squad with nine rushing touchdowns, two shy of the UT single-season record for quarterbacks, and ranked third on the team with 317 yards rushing, averaging 28.8 yards per game. He gained at least 40 yards in five of the last seven games while posting three rushing scores against Georgia and two more versus Alabama.

He earned SEC Offensive Player of the Week honors in back-to-back games against Georgia and Alabama. He racked up 332 yards of total offense and accounted all four scores (three rush, one pass) versus the Bulldogs. Martin accounted for all three scores (two rush, one pass) against the Tide.

He passed for a season-high 311 yards against Arkansas, the second highest total in his career, while establishing a highwater career mark of 354 yards of total offense. It was the fourth time in his career that he eclipsed the 300-yard mark in total offense.

He threw for at least 200 yards on five occasions and opened the season with 264 yards and two touchdowns versus Wyoming. He threw for more than 200 yards 10 times in his career.

Martin had at least one scoring pass in eight of the 11 games and 19 of 24 career starts. He was intercepted only twice in the last six games, a span of 155 pass attempts after being intercepted seven times in first 150 attempts. He has not been picked off in his last 82 pass attempts.

For his career, Martin finished ranked fourth in passing yardage (4592), completions (326), attempts (588), touchdown passes (32) and total offense (5206) at Tennessee. He also owns the school mark for most career rushing touchdowns by a quarterback with 16.

He became the 10th Vol to pass for 2000 yards in a season. In 11 games, he had 2317 yards to rank sixth. He also became the 11th Vol to roll up 2000 yards total offense with 2634 yards which ranked fifth all-time.

Martin became the fourth Vol to enter the 5000-yard total offense club with 5206 career yards passing and rushing. He joins Peyton Manning (11,020), Andy Kelly (6427) and Jeff Francis (5900) in the club.

He is the sixth UT quarterback to throw at least 30 career touchdown passes with 32 which ties him for fifth all-time.

TEE MARTIN'S STATS

Pass	C-A-I	Pct.	Yds	TD	Avg/G
1996	2-4-0	50.0	24	0	6.0
1997	6-12-1	50.0	87	1	21.8
1998	153-267-6	57.3	2164	19	180.3
1999	165-305-9	54.1	2317	12	210.6
Totals	326-588-16	55.4	4592	32	148.1

Rush	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Total Off.	TD
1996	12	14	1.2	0	38	0
1997	8	(-4)	-0.5	0	83	1
1998	103	287	2.8	7	2451	26
1999	81	317	3.9	9	2634	21
Totals	204	617	3.0	16	5206	48

Tee Martin finished the regular season with one of the best records for a starting QB in Tennessee history at 22-2. He also holds a few NCAA records, which he set last season against South Carolina.

FINAL 1999 SEC STANDINGS

Division	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
EAST				
Florida	7	1	9	3
Tennessee	6	2	9	2
Georgia	5	3	7	4
Kentucky	4	4	6	5
Vanderbilt	2	6	5	6
S. Carolina	0	8	0	11
WEST				
Alabama *	7	1	10	2
Miss. State	6	2	9	2
Ole Miss	4	4	7	4
Arkansas	4	4	7	4
Auburn	2	6	5	6
LSU	1	7	3	8

* Denotes 1999 SEC Champion

1999-2000 SEC BOWL PAIRINGS

HomePoint.com Music City Bowl
Wednesday, Dec. 29, 1999
Syracuse Orangemen 3:00 CST
Kentucky Wildcats ESPN
Vanderbilt Stadium, Nashville, Tenn.

Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl
Thursday, Dec. 30, 1999
Clemson Tigers 7:30 EST
Mississippi State Bulldogs ESPN
Georgia Dome, Atlanta

Sanford Independence Bowl
Friday, Dec. 31, 1999
Oklahoma Sooners 7:30 CST
Ole Miss Rebels ESPN
Independence Stadium, Shreveport, La.

Outback Bowl
Saturday, Jan. 1, 2000
Purdue Boilermakers 11:00 EST
Georgia Bulldogs ESPN
Raymond James Stadium, Tampa, Fla.

1999-2000 SEC BOWL PAIRINGS

Southwestern Bell Cotton Bowl
Saturday, Jan. 1, 2000
Texas Longhorns 10:00 CST
Arkansas Razorbacks FOX
The Cotton Bowl, Dallas

OurHouse.com Florida Citrus Bowl
Saturday, Jan. 1, 2000
Michigan State Spartans 1:00 EST
Florida Gators ABC
Florida Citrus Bowl, Orlando, Fla.

FedEx Orange Bowl
Saturday, Jan. 1, 2000
Michigan Wolverines 8:30 EST
Alabama Crimson Tide ABC
Pro Player Stadium, Miami

Regular Season Statistics - Tennessee vs. Opponents

Team Statistics	T	
First Downs	219	178
Rushing	98	62
Passing	104	96
Penalty	17	20
Rushing Attempts	459	364
Yards Gained	2379	1411
Yards Lost	275	425
Net Yards Rushing	2104	986
Net Yards Passing	2364	2289
Passes Attempted	313	344
Passes Completed	168	188
Had Intercepted	10	21
Total Offensive Plays	772	708
Total Net Yards Per Game	406.2	297.7
Fumbles-Lost	25-14	21-7
Int. Return-Yards	21-299	10-164
Penalties-Yards	89-704	78-594
Third Down Conversions	63 of 156	44 of 153
Fourth Down Conversions	10 of 17	2 of 14
Punts-Average	57-42.6	74-39.4
Punt Returns-Yards	44-405	28-159
Kickoff Returns-Yards	28-662	43-996
Sacks By-Yards	42-293	24-122
Time of Possession Avg.	30:29	29:31
Touchdowns Scored	46	20
Field Goal Attempts	8 of 12	8 of 11
PAT-Attempts	44 of 45	19 of 19
Extra Point (Pass)	NA	0 of 1
Extra point (Rush)	1 of 1	NA
Safety	1	0

SCORE BY QUARTERS

OPPONENTS	27	61	35	40	— 163
TENNESSEE	72	127	65	84	— 348

TENNESSEE INDIVIDUAL STATS

RUSHING

	Att	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Lg
Lewis	182	851	35	816	7	70
Henry	125	824	34	790	8	63
T. Martin	81	430	113	317	9	38
Smith	31	209	20	189	4	61
Crosby	10	24	0	24	2	9
Mathews	3	12	0	12	0	9
Stallworth	1	6	0	6	0	6
Scott	2	8	6	2	0	8
Bartholomew	4	4	2	2	0	4
Biggers	8	11	9	2	0	5
Team	12	0	56	-56	0	0
Totals	***459***	***2379***	***2752***	***104***	***30***	***70***

PASSING

	Att	Comp	Int	Yds	TD	Lg
T. Martin	305	165	9	2317	12	71
Mathews	7	3	1	47	0	21
Team	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	***313***	***168***	***10***	***2364***	***12***	***71***

RECEIVING

	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg
C. Wilson	57	827	14.5	4	64
Parker	30	411	13.7	1	45
D. Stallworth	23	407	17.7	1	71
Lewis	15	193	12.9	1	34
D. Martin	13	177	13.6	2	43
Graham	10	121	12.1	0	53
L. Scott	7	140	20.0	2	43
Henry	3	3	1.0	0	4
O. Smith	2	25	12.5	1	24
Finlayson	2	22	11.0	0	13
Veazey	2	21	10.5	0	14
N. Johnson	1	10	10.0	0	10
Crosby	1	8	8.0	0	8
Bartholomew	1	3	3.0	0	3
Grant	1	-4	-4.0	0	0
Totals	***168***	***2364***	***14.1***	***12***	***71***

PUNTING

	No	Yds	Avg	I20	TB	FC	LP
Leaverton	57	2427	42.6	17	11	11	56
Totals	***57***	***2427***	***42.6***	***17***	***11***	***11***	***56***

PUNT RETURNS

	Ret	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg
Parker	41	387	9.4	1	69
Wilson	1	12	12.0	0	12
D. Stallworth	1	5	5.0	0	5
Grant	1	1	1.0	0	1
Totals	***44***	***405***	***9.2***	***1***	***69***

KICKOFF RETURNS

	Ret	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg
Scott	20	540	27.0	1	100
Wilson	3	50	16.7	0	30
Goodrich	2	35	17.5	0	22
O. Smith	1	23	23.0	0	23
Parker	1	14	14.0	0	14
Edmonds	1	0	0.0	0	0
Totals	***28***	***662***	***23.6***	***1***	***100***

TOTAL OFFENSE LEADERS

	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
T. Martin	386	317	2317	2634	239.5
Lewis	182	816	0	816	81.6
Henry	125	790	0	790	71.8

INTERCEPTION RETURNS

	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg
Grant	9	167	18.6	1	42
Thompson	3	64	21.3	0	44
Goodrich	3	28	9.3	0	28
Allen	3	9	3.0	0	9
Lloyd	1	20	20.0	0	20
Miles	1	11	11.0	0	11
Lott	1	0	0.0	0	0
Totals	***21***	***299***	***14.2***	***1***	***44***

FIELD GOALS

	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LG
Walls	0-0	3-4	2-2	2-4	1-1	51
Loudermilk	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	--
Totals	***0-0***	***3-4***	***2-3***	***2-4***	***1-1***	***51***

DEFENSIVE STATS

	Hits	UTAT	FC	FR	SKs	TFL	Int
Thompson	87	51	36	-	-	1.0	7
Grant	69	50	19	1	-	1	9
White	65	44	21	-	-	-	-
Stevenson	65	43	22	1	-	1.5	9
Overstreet	54	38	16	2	-	7.5	6
Westmoreland	51	36	15	2	2	-	9
Walker	46	32	14	1	-	7.0	8
Lott	45	38	7	-	2	-	1
Henderson	43	30	13	-	-	4.0	5
Ellis	42	31	11	2	-	8.5	11
Allen	37	26	11		1	2.5	1
Goodrich	34	27	7	1	-	-	-
Sessions	28	19	9	-	-	4.0	2
Edmonds	22	18	4	1	-	-	-
James	21	15	6	-	-	1.0	-
Jackson	19	11	8	-	-	1.0	1
Gaines	16	10	6	-	-	-	1
Granzow	13	10	3	-	-	1.0	-
Ratliff	13	9	4	-	-	-	1
Whiteside	13	9	4	-	-	-	1
Lloyd	13	6	7	-	-	1.0	-
Miles	11	7	4	-	-	-	1
Haynesworth	11	5	6	-	-	-	2
Ritzman	10	6	4	-	1	2.0	-
Bartholomew	7	7	0	-	-	-	-
Scott	6	5	1	-	-	-	-
Golden	5	3	2	-	-	-	-
Fitzgerald	4	4	0	-	-	-	-
R. Moore	4	3	1	-	-	-	-
Marsh	4	2	2	-	-	-	-
Griffin	4	2	2	-	-	1	-
E. Moore	3	3	0	-	-	-	-
Butler	2	2	0	-	-	-	-
Crosby	2	1	1	-	-	-	-
Hand	1	0	1	-	-	-	-

Fulmer File...

PREPARATIONS FOR FIESTA

We are very excited about returning to the Fiesta Bowl, and being a part of the hospitality they have shown in the past. It's interesting that the last two national champions are playing there against each other.

Nebraska is a fine football team. They are talented, very well-coached and have a tough scheme to defend offensively and defensively. They have big play potential at quarterback, tailback, and wide receiver, and have a big physical offensive line. The option scheme makes them particularly tough to defend, not so much the scheme itself as the people who run it. Their tailbacks are physical and fast. Nebraska gives you a lot of looks and formations. About the time they get you running laterally to play the option, they hit you downhill with the power game with the tailback. It will be a tough challenge for our defense.

We have had a good start to practice. We're continuing to practice with a focus. Their defense is talented all over the field. They have an aggressive scheme and are very fast. The have recruited well to their scheme. They play a lot of man-to-man and pressure, a lot like we do, with fronts and stunts. The defensive players are good tacklers, particularly the safeties. There's a challenge. They force you to make plays. There are opportunities out there and it's up to us to make the most of them.

Their punter is exceptional and the kicker is very good. Their coverage and protection teams are also very good. They've blocked 10 kicks this year, three field goals and seven punts. That's something we'll have to pay attention to. Newcombe is an exceptional punt returner. Our focus is on getting looks at their offense, defense and kicking game. We'll have to practice every day with a purpose.

It will be a physical, hard-hitting football game. Both teams like to run the ball and have big-play potential. There are plays out there to be made.

--Phillip Fulmer
Dec. 17, 1999

1999 UT HONOREES ALL-AMERICA & ALL-SEC

ALL-AMERICA

Tennessee boasted three first team All-America players in junior right guard Cosey Coleman, junior free safety Deon Grant and senior linebacker Raynoch Thompson.

The Vols have had a total of 62 individual All-America selections, who have been recognized a total of 76 times since 1929. It is the first time since defensive back Conrad Graham, placekicker Ricky Townsend and linebacker Jamie Rotella earned All-America honors in 1972 that three Vols were placed on All-America squads.

Thompson, the Vols leading tackler, is the third Vol linebacker in the last three years to garner first team All-America accolades as he was honored by the American Football Coaches Association and Associated Press. Thompson was also one of four finalists for the Butkus Award. Last season, he was an Associated Press third team selection.

Coleman, who started 30 straight games at right guard, became the first offensive lineman to snag All-America honors since tackle Antone Davis was a consensus honoree in 1990. Coleman was honored by AP, Walter Camp, the Football Writers Association of America, the AFCA and *Football News*.

Grant, who tied for the nation's lead in interceptions, became the first defensive back since two-time All-America Dale Carter in 1990 and 1991 to gain such honors. Grant, a Thorpe Award finalist, was honored by Walter Camp, the AFCA, *The Sporting News* and *Football News*. He was also selected as second team AP.

Defensive tackle Darwin Walker and offensive tackle Chad Clifton were named second team All-America by *The Sporting News*. Walker was also named third team by AP.

The Sporting News also named defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth and kick returner Leonard Scott to its Freshman All-America team.

ALL-SEC

Tennessee set a school record, leading all SEC teams with seven players on the coaches first team and had two additional players on the second team, giving the Vols a league-high nine players on both units. UT also placed nine players on the Associated Press All-SEC team, with six first team members and three players on the second team.

The coaches first team members included quarterback Tee Martin, right guard Cosey Coleman, defensive end Shaun Ellis, defensive tackle Darwin Walker, linebacker Raynoch Thompson, free safety Deon Grant, corner back Dwayne Goodrich. The second unit included offensive tackle Chad Clifton and running back Jamal Lewis.

Thompson was the only repeat first-team selection from the coaches' 1998 squad. Coleman, Walker and Goodrich were second team members last season who made the first team this year. Grant was one of three unanimous selections.

Grant was named the AP's SEC Defensive Player of the Year, while joining Coleman as UT's unanimous selections.

Martin, Coleman, Ellis, Walker, Thompson and Grant were AP first team choices. Cedrick Wilson, Lewis and Goodrich were on the AP second team unit.

Coleman, Walker and Thompson were two-time AP first team honorees.

Defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth and all-purpose player Leonard Scott were also named to the *Knoxville News-Sentinel* SEC All-Freshman squad.

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Austin Shofner

The University of Tennessee lost a proud son and the nation lost a true hero recently when General Austin C. Shofner died at his Shelbyville home.

World War II gave us many tales of men who went far beyond the call of duty, but none more stirring than the story of this former Tennessee football player who devised and led the only successful escape from a Japanese prisoner of war camp of the entire war.

A 1937 UT graduate, Capt. Shofner was serving as a commander of the U.S. Marines in the Philippines when the Japanese struck Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941. He and his troops took part in the gallant but doomed defense of the Philippines in the early months of 1942 and after the surrender of the island fortress of Corregidor they endured the Bataan Death March to a prisoner war camp.

The prison camp was hell. Close to half of the American servicemen interred there died of hunger, disease or beatings by their Japanese guards. Some committed suicide by refusing to eat the precious little food they were given. But Capt. Shofner and a few others never stopped looking for a way out.

In April of 1943, eleven months after they had been imprisoned, Shofner and eleven other U.S. soldiers, marines, sailors and airmen escaped. But the dark, wet jungle that was now their new home was in some ways worse than the hellhole they had left. At least there had been a few pitiful scraps of food available back there.

Years later, Shofner could joke about it when he was asked what the jungle diet had been.

"We ate anything that couldn't eat us," he said.

Again, they survived. After a few months they were able to hook up with some Filipino guerrilla forces. The rest of his party was then returned to the States, but Shofner stayed on, serving as a liaison officer with the guerrillas for Gen. Douglas MacArthur in 1943. There was no rest from the war for Shofner. He returned to the Pacific Theatre to lead Marine batallions in the battles of Okinawa and Petellu.

Meanwhile, back home, the members of his escape party had brought the horrors of the Japanese POW treatment to the forefront of American attention. The nation had not known of the Bataan Death March until Shofner's men brought the news home. The reaction was shift. There was a new emphasis placed on war in the Pacific, which had previously played second fiddle to the war in Europe, and the future course of the war was changed by the heroism of Shofner and his escape party.

The former Vol was virtually showered with medals and awards by the U.S. and its allies, I won't to try to list them all here, but they included the Distinguished Service Cross and Legion of Merit. He remained in the Marine Corps after the war and retired in 1959 as a brigadier general.

He was married to Kathleen King of Knoxville, a former UT beauty queen who was elected Miss Tennessee during her student days. They made their home at the general's historic family residence in Shelbyville, raising five sons. Kathleen died two years before her husband.

Austin Shofner was not a star on the Vol football teams of the mid-1930s, but the same determination that served him so well in later years helped him to win two letters as a 175-pound reserve tackle. He and his wife were frequent visitors to Knoxville for UT football games, and in 1995 the East Tennessee Chapter of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame honored him with its highest tribute, the Distinguished American Award.

Shortly after he returned to the states from World War II, Shofner visited his old coach, General Bob Neyland, and told him that the training and discipline he had experienced on the football squad had helped him endure the misery and horrors of his life in the POW camp. And now, as we say goodbye to this genuine American hero, it seems to me that those words written many years ago by Gen. MacArthur could serve as Austin Shofner's eulogy.

"Upon the fields of friendly strife are sewn the seeds which, in other years on other fields, will bear the fruits of victory."

--Ben Byrd
"Byrd's Eye View"

Former Vol

ED MOLINSKI (1938-40)

During the glory years of 1938-40, one of the best Vol players of that time was Ed Molinski, an offensive guard from Massillon, Ohio. He had a good pedigree. He had played for the legendary Paul Brown in high school and followed that up with three years under Gen. Bob Neyland.

Molinski and fellow offensive guard Bob Suffridge were two of the most formidable guards on one team in college football history. Molinski was an All-America selection in 1939 and 1940 and an All-SEC selection in 1939.

Molinski became a successful physician after leaving UT, was captain of the Tennessee boxing team and Tennessee state Golden Gloves champion. He was also an assistant coach at Mississippi State and Memphis State, and served as a team for physician for Memphis State after being graduated from the University of Tennessee Medical School in Memphis.

Ed Molinski is a member of the College Football Hall of Fame and was part of the glory days of the late 1930s and early 1940s.

DEON GRANT...

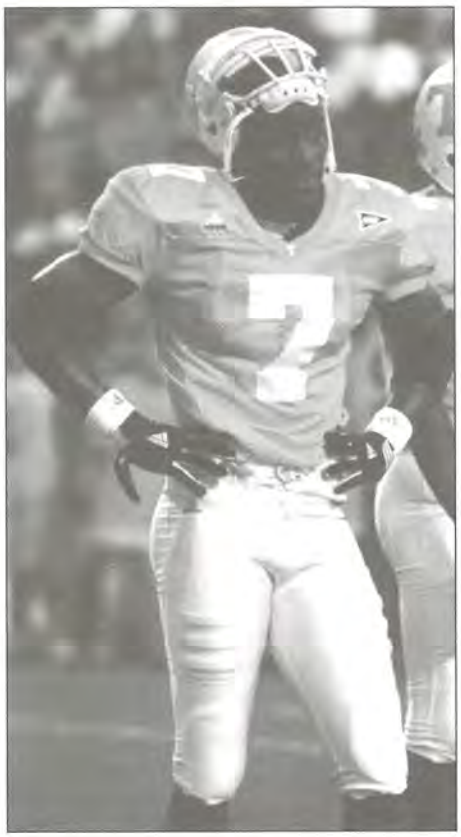
MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Impact players on the football field usually come in the form of offensive skill players, linebackers or defensive linemen. But for Tennessee, perhaps one of the biggest impact players is its free safety Deon Grant.

He has had his share of impact plays in Tennessee Orange.

His first introduction to Vol fans came in the Florida game during the 1998 season.

Florida had the ball at the midfield midway through the fourth quarter and was looking to break a 17-17 tie. But Vols fans will always remember seeing No. 7 swoop through the air to intercept a Jesse Palmer pass to stop the drive. The interception help preserve the tie and force the game into overtime. A Jeff Hall field goal eventually won the game in overtime, but Grant's interception was as big as any play in the game.



Deon Grant was named the Associated Press' Defensive Player of the Year.

Grant continued his stellar play throughout the 1998 season and was a difference-maker in the Vols' 1998 win over Arkansas as well.

He intercepted a pass in the end zone to thwart a Razorback scoring drive and blocked a field goal that saved another three points. The Vols eventually won that game 28-24.

He definitely was a key component on the Vols' run to the 1998 National Championship.

This past season was no different.

Grant had nine interceptions, which led the NCAA, ranked second on the team with 69 tackles and had 20 Big Plays. His stellar play earned him All-America honors. He was one of three Vols to be honored as such, joining linebacker Raynoch Thompson and offensive guard Cosey Coleman. He was also named the SEC Defensive Player of the Year by the Associated Press.

After three interceptions in his first three games, Grant once again stepped into the national spotlight with his performance against Auburn as he intercepted three passes against the Tigers. He was named SEC Defensive Player of the Week for his performance.

His first pick came on the game's first play.

Auburn's quarterback looked to throw a quick pass just off the line of scrimmage. The intended receiver had gone in motion, and Grant read the play to perfection. He stepped in, made the pick and found himself in the end zone for a touchdown with less than 30 seconds gone in the game.

"Most of the time, when Auburn lines up in that formation the receiver just runs a little bubble route," Grant said. "I looked back and it was right in my face."

Larry Slade, Grant's position coach, was impressed with the play.

"There aren't a lot of guys out there who would even think of making that play," he said. "There are even fewer who could actually do it. Deon is one of the few."

His second interception also came in the first quarter. An Auburn receiver had gotten open in the Vols secondary, but Grant was there to make the interception.

"Thank God for Deon," cornerback Teddy Gaines said. "He saved me a couple of times. I never saw him coming. He just swooped in and made the play."

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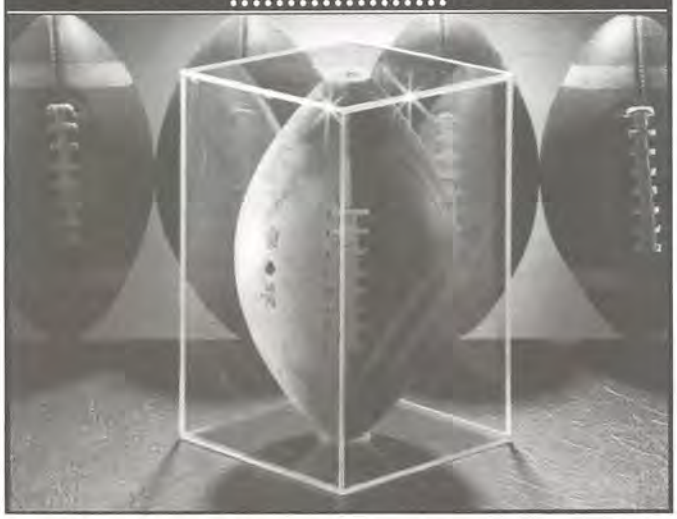

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This Week In Big Orange Country

This year's Vol squad hopes to claim the top prize after they finished second last season to Kentucky.

The dance team is aiming for a top 10 performance after missing last year's competition.

The University of Tennessee spirit squads are making it an annual event as they prepare to compete for the 2000 UCA/UDA National Championships in Orlando, Fla., on the grounds of Walt Disney World Jan. 6 and 7.

The squads will compete at MGM Studios while the competition will be broadcast at a later date on ESPN.

The cheer squad earned an automatic bid after their submission of videotape performances throughout the season. The dance squad must go through a preliminary round to reach the finals.

Smokey, under the four-year work of Adam Devault, is currently ranked second in the country and he will also be shooting for a national championship.

Smokey, Adam Devault, along with dance member Kim Ingram, poses for pictures. Devault currently is ranked second in the country among collegiate mascots.

For up to the minute scores and stories, or just to check out who the Vols or Lady Vols will face in the upcoming weeks go to the real source

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VASF & MARKETING NEWS

Fund Drive Kickoff Meetings

The VASF will begin its annual Fund Drive in January with kickoff meetings slated throughout the Southeast. Although locations within each city have not been finalized yet, the VASF staff would like all donors to mark their calendars early and make plans to attend the Fund Drive meeting in their areas. Jan. 5 brings the meeting in Atlanta; Jan. 6 is the date for the meeting in Chattanooga; Jan. 11 will be Johnson City; Jan. 13 places the meeting in Nashville. The meeting Jan. 12 will be in Knoxville at 6:30 before the men's basketball game against Vanderbilt in the Thompson-Boling Arena Lettermen's Room. All other meetings will begin at 6 p.m., local time. More information regarding exact venues can be obtained by dialing (865) 974-1218.

Free Basketball Parking

Free parking, as well as a free shuttle, will be available to all motorists who park at the Agricultural campus, a service courtesy of the University of Tennessee Athletic Department.

Season Basketball Parking

A few lots will be kept available during the weeknight games for staff/student parking only for those who attend evening classes. These lots are primarily located around the Hill, including Staff 9 and 9A, as well as 5B (the small lot situated between Alumni Gym and Neyland Stadium). For more information, contact Parking Services at (865) 974-6031.

Get your Gift in by March 1

The donor deadline for 2000 football and basketball priority is March 1. The VASF needs your help to further the athletic and academic education of several hundred University of Tennessee athletes into the next millennium. Renewal cards for 2000 donations, detailing your gift last year, were sent out in early December. Take a moment to contribute to Tennessee's continued athletic and academic successes.

Basketball Group Ticket Information

Help *Crash the Party* this winter with the Tennessee men's basketball team. Tickets for all home games, except the ones included in the Big Game Pack, are now available on a game-by-game basis by calling the Ticket office at (865) 656-1200 Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The Ticket office is open until halftime of every home game. Contact the Ticket office at (865) 656-1200 for ticket brochures and ordering information. Group ticket packages are also available by dialing the Marketing office at (865) 974-1734.

VASF Collegiate Club Corner

The VASF Collegiate Club, comprised of those Tennessee students who are active members in the VASF while still in school, has begun to roll through the December non-conference men's basketball schedule with several victories.

Club members create the various signs that hang around the rails of the Arena and in the north end zone of the Stadium for various Volunteer home events. They also distribute newspapers and shakers within the Tennessee student sections at home basketball games. The VASF CC members also pass out shakers within Tennessee's designated sections at away and post-season football games.

This week, VASF CC members have helped to distribute promotions at home basketball games as well as trying new ways to get the crowd (especially the students) to be loud and rowdy for home basketball games.

Contact Marc Gibson in the VASF office at (865) 974-1218 for more information about the club, including how to join or how to sponsor shakers for 1999-2000 basketball or 2000 football games.

Junior Vols

The Junior Vols kids club, sponsored by Chick-fil-A, is growing strong. This is a club designed for youngsters, offering them an opportunity to support the Volunteer athletic program in a myriad of ways.

Renewing members will receive a special Junior Vols lunch bag, perfect for toting club members' lunches.

Annual membership in the Junior Vols costs $25 and provides many benefits, from a newsletter (*Paw Prints*) to a birthday card from Smokey to special pre-game functions and tours of athletic facilities. Also included are a free T-Shirt and membership card, free admission to certain Tennessee home Olympic events and a host of special events designed for younger Volunteer fans. For more information, please contact the Marketing office at (865) 974-1734.

The O'Charley's / Vol Tennis Classic

Tennis fans, mark your calendars now and make plans to attend the O'Charley's / Vol Tennis Classic to be held Jan. 28-30 at the Goodfriend Indoor Tennis Center on the UT campus. In addition to Tennessee, teams slated to participate include South Florida, Virginia Commonwealth and Virginia Tech. Admission is free. For more information, contact the Marketing office at (865) 974-1734.

B97.5 & BellSouth Real Yellow Pages Ruler Giveaway at the Radford Game

B97.5 in Knoxville, along with the BellSouth Real Yellow Pages, are sponsoring a ruler giveaway for Boy Scout Day at the Tennessee vs. Radford basketball slated for game Jan. 2, 2000, with tipoff coming at 2 p.m. The first 1,000 fans through the gates will receive a free ruler to see how the Radford Highlanders measure up to the Volunteers in 2000. This is the last home tune-up before Tennessee begins conference play a few days later at South Carolina Jan.5.

—Steve Sams

Deon Grant - Making A Difference (Continued)...

He added another interception in the first half and broke up pass on a fake punt.

"He was back in centerfield reading the quarterback's eyes," linebacker Eric Westmoreland said. "He played the ball and made three great plays."

Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer was impressed with Grant's play as well.

"How can you say enough about Deon Grant's game tonight?" Fulmer said after the game. "He's a great ball hawk."

Not only does Grant put himself in positions to make plays, but he also makes them.

"The good thing about Deon is that when he has a chance to make a play, he makes the play," Vol secondary coach Larry Slade said. "He catches the ball. A lot of guys in that position drop the ball."

Grant's interception production dropped off after the Auburn game as opponents began to avoid the middle of the field against Tennessee.

"With us teams are now afraid to throw the ball in the middle of the field because they know Deon is there," Slade said. "They know if the pass floats just a little bit, he is big enough and strong enough to outwrestle the receiver for the ball."

Georgia was up next for the Vols after Auburn, and while Grant didn't have any interceptions he definitely changed the game.

"I know that for a fact," Grant said. "Georgia tried to go away from me the whole game, so I think I kind of changed the game a little bit."

Having the Augusta, Ga., native in the secondary also helps shape the defensive game plan for the Volunteers.

"You feel more comfortable taking chances because he can cover up some things for us," Vol defensive coordinator John Chavis said. "I've been around better athletes, but they did not have the awareness for the feel for the game that Deon has."

That means more blitzing and more gambles by the Vols cornerbacks. While Grant didn't have any of the Vols 42 sacks, which ranked second in the SEC, he was definitely a factor in allowing other people to get them.

Vol coaches also know that teams are more likely to try to throw to the outside rather than down the middle.

"I think what happens when you have a guy like that in the middle of the field is it restricts the offense," Slade said. "I think they're a little bit leery of throwing the ball down the middle. The ball is going to be thrown outside, so it helps us in predicting what people are going to do."

Grant's ability to close on the ball once it's thrown is part of what makes him such a great defender.

"When I see the quarterback throw the ball, I just try to get over there as quick as I can," Grant said. "Nine times out of 10, I'll be over there by the time the ball falls. When the ball is in the air and I'm on defense, I'm trying to be a receiver."

The Vols' centerfielder is a difference maker.

"Some guys simply have the innate ability to make plays," Slade said. "They have a sense of where the ball is that you just can't coach. That's what Deon has."

--Rob Hardin

Year	Tackles	Assists	Total	Fum Rec	Fum Cau	PBUs	INTs	Big Plays
1999*	50	19	69	-	1	8	9*	20
1998	38	24	62	2	-	6	5	17
1997	6	4	10	-	1	-	-	3
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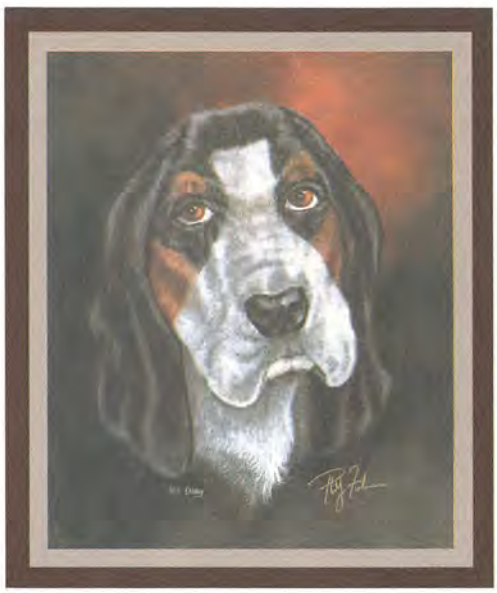

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Men's Basketball...

Vols Remain Unbeaten at 9-0

Prior to the Vols making their trip to Puerto Rico for the Puerto Rico Holiday Classic, Tennessee upped its mark to 9-0 on the season after wins over Memphis, MTSU, West Virginia and Pittsburgh.

Tennessee 74, Memphis 69

Tennessee, which trailed 37-30 at the half, used a 15-5 run midway through the second half to overcome a 42-33 deficit and pull out a 74-69 win.

Memphis stayed with the Volunteers until the final three minutes when Tony Harris carried Tennessee with free-throw shooting, scoring eight of his 14 points in the final 2:46.

Memphis led by 15 in the first half after a 16-1 Tigers run made it 26-11 with 6:58 remaining.

Five Tennessee players, led by Harris, finished in double figures. Yarbrough and Ron Slay finished with 13 each, and Terrence Woods and Isiah Victor had 11 apiece.

Marcus Moody led Memphis with 17, Keiron Shine added 16, and Shamel Jones scored 11.

Tennessee took its first lead since early in the game when Jon Higgins hit a 15-footer with 8:35 left.

The lead changed hands 13 times over the next six minutes until Harris hit a pair of free throws with 2:46 remaining to give the Vols a 66-65 edge.

Tennessee 78, MTSU 77

Tony Harris scored 23 points, including two 3-pointers in the final two minutes, as No. 16 Tennessee held off MTSU 78-77.

Harris' 3-pointers put Tennessee up 78-73 with 1:37 remaining. After getting a free throw, the Blue Raiders pulled to within 1 point on a Ron McKnight free throw and his layup with 34 seconds left.

The Vols turned the ball over three times in the final seconds, but a desperation shot by McKnight went wide as Tennessee hung on for the win.

Vincent Yarbrough had 18 points for Tennessee, while C.J. Black added 12.

McKnight led the Blue Raiders with 21 points, while Cedrick Wallace had 15 and Lee Nosse finished with 13.

Tennessee struggled to a 47-40 halftime lead after turning over the ball 14 times.

Middle Tennessee capitalized on the Vols turnover problems to stay close, only trailing 75-73 with 2:12 remaining on McKnight's 3-pointer, just seconds after Harris' second 3-pointer.

Tennessee 94, West Virginia 54

Freshman Marcus Haislip scored a season-high 22 points and Tony Harris added 17 with eight assists as 15th-ranked Tennessee raced to a 31-point halftime advantage and crushed West Virginia, 94-54.

Vincent Yarbrough added 16 points and 14 rebounds for Tennessee, while West Virginia was led by Calvin Bowman's 17 points and 12 rebounds. Keith Kincade added 11 points.

Tennessee put the game out of reach early, giving up only nine baskets in the first half. The Mountaineers trailed 12-9 after Keith Kincade's basket six minutes into the game.

Over the next seven minutes, Tennessee outscored the Mountaineers 16-6 and Harris' 3-pointer ended the half as the Vols went on to grab a 53-22 lead.

Haislip's 15 second-half points led the way for Tennessee who maintained their lead, their largest being the final margin after Ron Slay's dunk.

Tennessee 76, Pittsburgh 50

Tennessee wore down depleted Pittsburgh in the second half as the No. 18 Volunteers turned a 12-0 run into a 76-50 victory.

Ten Vols scored in a balanced offensive attack led by Tony Harris' 14 points. Isiah Victor added 12 points and seven rebounds, while Vincent Yarbrough had 11 points and six boards. The Vols hit 11-of-25 3-pointers to 1-of-15 for Pitt.

Harris made three of Tennessee's eight second-half 3-pointers as the Vols outscored Pittsburgh 53-23 after halftime.

Chris Seabrooks was the only Pitt player to score for nearly 17 minutes. He had 19 points, including all but six of Pitt's second-half points.

Despite the 26-point final margin, Tennessee trailed by as many as six points and never led until Harris' first 3-pointer of the second half made it 32-31.

Harris hit another three with just under 10 minutes left to start the 12-0 run that turned a 44-42 lead into a more comfortable 56-42 margin with 8:25 remaining. The Vols outscored Pittsburgh 30-8 over the final 10 minutes.

-- Jeff Muir

NCAA BOX SCORE

TENNESSEE 74, MEMPHIS 69

Tennessee 74

YARBROUGH 5-15 3-6 13, VICTOR 4-5 1-1 11, BLACK 0-1 0-0 0, HIGGINS 2-9 0-0 4, HARRIS 2-8 9-10 14, Walker 0-0 0-0 0, Haislip 0-2 0-0 0, Woods 4-6 0-0 11, Baker 1-2 0-0 3, Slay 4-7 5-6 13, Hathaway 2-3 1-1 5. TOTALS 24-58 19-24 74.

Memphis 69

LONDON 0-1 0-1 0, FORMAN 4-8 0-2 8, WISE 0-0 0-0 0, MOODY 2-15 12-12 17, TRASK 2-5 1-2 5, Shine 5-16 2-2 16, Chatman 2-3 0-0 5, Barron 1-5 3-4 5, Harris 1-1 0-0 2, Jones 5-8 1-3 11. TOTALS 22-63 19-26 69.

Halftime score: Memphis 37, Tennessee 30.

TENNESSEE 78, MTSU 77

Tennessee 78

YARBROUGH 6-9 2-3 18, VICTOR 2-9 0-0 4, BLACK 4-7 2-3 12, HIGGINS 2-4 0-0 5, HARRIS 8-13 3-4 23, Walker 0-1 0-0 0, Haislip 1-1 0-0 2, Woods 0-0 0-0 0, Baker 2-3 0-0 4, Davis 0-2 0-0 0, Slay 4-6 2-2 10, Hathaway 0-1 0-0 0. TOTALS 29-56 9-12 78.

MTSU 77

WALLACE 7-14 0-0 15, THOMAS 2-6 0-0 4, NOSSE 5-7 2-4 13, WHITWORTH 3-4 0-0 8, ORTIZ 5-16 1-1 13, McKnight 7-15 3-6 21, White 0-1 0-0 0, Chisholm 0-0 0-0 0, Martinez 1-5 0-0 3, Cobb 0-1 0-0 0. TOTALS 30-69 6-11 77.

Halftime score: Tennessee 47-40.

TENNESSEE 94, WEST VIRGINIA 54

Tennessee 94

YARBROUGH 4-9 1-1 9, VICTOR 7-13 1-2 16, BLACK 1-3 0-0 2, HIGGINS 3-4 0-0 9, HARRIS 6-11 2-2 17, Walker 1-3 0-0 2, Haislip 9-9 2-2 22, Turner 0-1 0-0 0, Woods 2-3 0-0 6, Baker 1-4 0-0 2, Davis 1-2 0-0 3, Slay 2-9 2-2 6, Hathaway 0-1 0-0 0. TOTALS 37-72 8-9 94.

West Virginia 54

GOREE 3-11 0-0 6, MOSS 3-10 1-3 8, BOWMAN 8-19 1-3 17, D'ALESIO 1-4 0-0 3, ARMSTEAD 3-8 1-2 7, Dennis 0-3 0-3 0, Berry 1-3 0-0 2, Yeager 0-1 0-0 0, Kincade 4-7 2-2 11, McMillian 0-0 0-0 0, Oliver 0-0 0-0 0, Chan 0-1 0-0 0. TOTALS 23-67 13-17 54.

Halftime score: *Tennessee 53-22.*

TENNESSEE 76, PITTSBURGH 50

Pittsburgh 50

LOCKHART 6-14 3-3 16, GREER 3-16 0-0 6, SEABROOKS 7-17 5-5 19, HOLMES 0-5 3-4 3, KNIGHT 2-6 0-0 4, Abel 1-2 0-0 2, Finneman 0-0 0-0 0. TOTALS 19-60 11-12 50.

Tennessee 76

YARBROUGH 3-11 3-3 11, VICTOR 5-6 2-4 12, BLACK 3-9 0-1 6, HARRIS 5-14 0-0 14, HIGGINS 3-7 0-0 9, Walker 0-0 0-0 0, Haislip 1-1 2-2 5, Turner 0-0 0-0 0, Woods 2-5 0-0 4, Baker 1-1 0-0 3, Davis 2-2 0-0 4, Slay 4-8 0-0 8, Hathaway 0-0 0-0 0. TOTALS 29-64 7-10 76..

Halftime score: *Pittsburgh 27-23.*

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL...

LADY VOLS UP RECORD TO 8-1

NCAA BOX SCORE

TENNESSEE 100, DePAUL 66

Tennessee (100)

RANDALL 7-10 4-5 18, CATCHINGS 9-13 2-3 21, SNOW 3-4 1-1 7, LAWSON 3-8 2-2 8, CLEMENT 7-9 3-4 17, Butts 3-3 0-0 6, Elzy 4-7 1-3 9, McDivitt 1-3 2-4 5, Canon 0-0 0-0 0, Morris 0-2 0-0 0, Jackson 1-5 1-2 3, Edwards 1-1 0-0 2, Stephens 0-1 0-0 0, Pillow 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 41-68 16-24 100.

DePaul (66)

WILLIAMS 10-17 0-1 24, BLAKESLEE 5-8 1-1 11, LEWIS 3-6 0-2 6, SOBIESZCZYK 5-8 0-0 14, WATSON 1-5 0-0 2, Smith 0-1 0-0 0, Mankiewicz 0-0 0-0 0, Szumska 0-0 0-0 0, Krumrei 0-3 0-0 0, Lewis 0-0 0-0 0, Blankson 1-5 1-3 3, Fitzgerald 0-0 0-0 0, Novick 3-5 0-0 6, Desecki 0-0 0-0 0. Totals. 28-58 2-7 66.

Halftime score: *Tennessee 61-38. 3-Point goals- Tennessee 2-8 (McDivitt 1-1, Lawson 0-3, Randall 0-1, Catchings 1-3), DePaul 8-22 (Watson 0-3, Williams 4-8, Sobieszczyk 4-6, Blankson 0-4, Blakeslee 0-1). Rebounds- Tennessee 42 (Jackson 7), DePaul 25 (Blakeslee 5). Assists- Tennessee 19 (Clement 9), DePaul 12 (Krumrei 3). Fouled out - none. Total fouls- Tennessee 14, DePaul 22. A-NA.*

TENNESSEE 82, ST. JOSEPH'S 59

Tennessee (82)

RANDALL 8-10 2-2 18, CATCHINGS 7-9 0-0 15, SNOW 4-8 2-2 10, LAWSON 3-7 4-4 12, CLEMENT 3-8 3-4 10, Butts 0-0 1-2 1, Elzy 0-0 3-4 3, McDivitt 2-3 0-0 6, Morris 1-4 0-0 2, Jackson 1-1 0-1 2, Stephens 0-0 0-2 0, Pillow 1-3 1-3 3. Totals 30-53 16-24 82.

St. Joseph's (59)

MORAN 4-13 8-9 16, KULESA 4-9 4-5 12, MCGAHAN 3-5 1-2 10, ZAMPELLA 2-8 2-2 8, LICHNEROVA 2-11 1-2 5, Meade 2-4 0-0 4, Snell 0-0 2-2 2, Costello 1-2 0-1 2, Kuklova 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 18-52 18-23 59.

Halftime score- *Tennessee 40, St. Joseph's 20. 3-Point goals-Tennessee 6-16 (McDivitt 2-3, Lawson 2-5, Clement 1-2, Catchings 1-3, Randall 0-1, Morris 0-2), St. Joseph's 5-15 (McGahan 3-5, Zampella 2-7, Lichnerova 0-3). Fouled out- Clement, Meade, Costello. Rebounds-Tennessee 37 (Catchings 7), St. Joseph's 28 (Moran 7). Assists- Tennessee 19 (Clement 5), St. Joseph's 12 (Kulesa 6). Total fouls- Tennessee 22, St. Joseph's 23. A-3,200.*

TENNESSEE 92, MEMPHIS 69

Tennessee (92)

SNOW 4-8 2-3 10, LAWSON 6-8 5-6 21, RANDALL 2-9 1-2 5, CATCHINGS 3-13 4-4 10, CLEMENT 3-6 1-3 7, Butts 2-2 3-6 7, Elzy 3-5 1-2 7, McDivitt 1-4 1-2 4, Morris 4-5 1-2 11, Jackson 1-2 0-4 2, Stephens 1-3 1-1 3, Pillow 2-3 1-1 5. Totals 32-68 21-36 92.

Memphis (69)

COLLINS 5-8 3-6 13, HERRON 0-10 2-2 2, REED 7-19 5-6 21, ABRAHAM 1-2 0-0 2, BOYD 8-10 1-117, Cook 0-0 0-0 0, Rogers 0-4 0-0 0, Bell 0-0 0-0 0, Farr 1-3 0-0 2, Jackson 3-5 1-3 8, Hamp 2-2 0-0 4, Whitfield 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 27-63 12-18 69.

Halftime score- *Tennessee 41, Memphis 32. 3-point goals- Tennessee 7-12 (Lawson 4-6, Morris 2-2, McDivitt 1-1, Clement 0-1, Catchings 0-2), Memphis 3-11 (Reed 2-2, Jackson 1-2, Rogers 0-2, Herron 0-5). Fouled out- None. Rebounds- Tennessee 52 (Catchings 10), Memphis 35 (Boyd 10). Assists- Tennessee 18 (Catchings 7), Memphis 14 (Collins, Reed 4). Total fouls- Tennessee 19, Memphis 23. A- 4,775.*

TENNESSEE 82, ST. JOSEPH'S 59

Tennessee coach Pat Summitt hopes her team's next trip to Philadelphia will be just as dominating.

The second-ranked Lady Volunteers (8-1) overwhelmed undersized St. Joseph's (7-2) with their speed and quickness from the opening tip, storming out to a 20-point halftime lead en route to an easy 82-59 win.

Summitt isn't about to make more reservations just yet for Philadelphia, where the Final Four will take place. But if her team keeps this up, Philadelphia in March could be a special time for the Lady Vols (8-1).

Semeka Randall led Tennessee with 18 points on 8-of-10 shooting, while Tamika Catchings hit 7-of-9 shots for 15 points.

The Lady Vols put the game away early, forcing 14 of St. Joe's 24 turnovers in the first half, including eight steals.

At one point, Tennessee converted four straight Hawks turnovers into baskets, capped by Kara Lawson's 3-pointer from the left corner to give the Lady Vols a 22-5 lead with 12:57 left in the first half.

The overwhelming start erased any doubts Summitt had that her squad would come out lackluster before heading home for the holidays. "In the first two possessions, I could tell that we were here to play," she said. Kristen Clement, who went to high school just outside of Philadelphia, added 10 points and threw some nifty no-look passes to pace the Lady Vols, who won their eighth straight.

Susan Moran had 16 points and seven rebounds to lead St. Joseph's, which shot 27 percent in the first half on 6-of-22 shooting.

The loss snapped the Hawks' six-game winning streak.

TENNESSEE 100, DEPAUL 66

Catchings scored 21 points despite sitting out the final nine minutes with four fouls and No. 2 Tennessee beat DePaul 100-66 for its seventh straight victory.

Catchings was 9-of-13 from the field and had three steals for the Lady Volunteers (7-1), who led 15-2 five minutes into the game.

DePaul (5-3) couldn't handle the defensive pressure of the Lady Vols. Transition layups from Catchings, Randall and Clement extended the lead to as many as 27 points and Tennessee led 61-35 at halftime.

Randall finished with 18 points and Clement had 17.

Clement's jumper with 16:45 left put the Lady Vols up 70-40, and Kyra Elzy's follow of a missed free throw by Catchings with 9:20 left gave Tennessee an 82-50 lead. A layup at the buzzer by Sarah Edwards gave the Lady Vols their biggest lead.

Lenae Williams led DePaul with 24 points, while freshman reserve Laura Sobieszczyk added 14.

TENNESSEE 92, MEMPHIS 69

Kara Lawson scored 21 points, including 15 in the second half as No. 2 Tennessee defeated Memphis 92-69.

The Lady Vols (6-1), who led 41-32 at the half, broke the game open with a 25-4 run early in the second half.

Tasheika Morris added 11, including 10 during a 3 1/2 minute stretch in the first half, for Tennessee, and Michelle Snow and Catchings finished with 10 each.

Yolanda Reed led Memphis (3-5) with 21 points, while Patrice Boyd contributed 17. Tiffany Collins scored 13.

The two teams traded leads early in the game, but Tennessee took the lead for good after Morris' 10 straight points midway through the first half.

The Lady Vols would lead by as many as 12 in the first half.

In the second half, Tennessee outscored Memphis 25-4 as Lawson, with the help of Catchings and Snow, outplayed the Lady Tigers.

After Catching scored the Lady Vols' opening basket of the half, Lawson scored 11 straight points, including three 3-pointers.

Lawson would finish the night with 6-of-8 field goals, including 4-of-6 from 3-point range.

While Tennessee was on its run, Memphis was having trouble scoring, going five minutes without a point. The Lady Vols eventually built the lead to 30.

Memphis could get no closer than 16 the rest of the way. Tennessee dominated the boards outrebounding Memphis 52-35 and connected on 53 percent of its shots in the second half.

Neither team did a great job of protecting the ball, committing 24 turnovers each.

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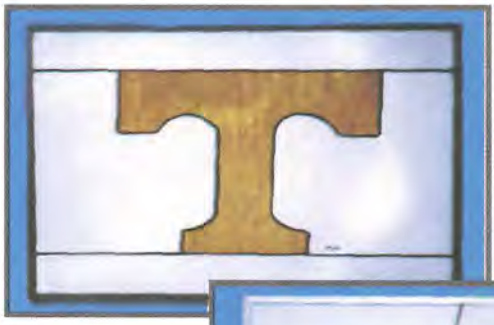

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TENNESSEE VOLUNTEERS
2-Deep Depth Chart

OFFENSE

TE	**96**	**John Finlayson (So., 6-4, 280)**
	84	Neil Johnson (Jr., 6-4, 250)
LT	**67**	**Chad Clifton (Sr., 6-6, 320)**
	71	Reggie Coleman (So., 6-5, 310)
LG	**70**	**Fred Weary (So., 6-4, 290)**
	53	Toby Champion (Jr., 6-4, 310)
C	**68**	**Spencer Riley (Sr., 6-3, 305)**
	72	Greg Barnum (Fr., 6-1, 295)
RG	**52**	**Cosey Coleman (Jr., 6-5, 315)**
	74	Bernard Gooden (Jr., 6-3, 315)
RT	**77**	**Josh Tucker (Sr., 6-4, 305)**
	73	Will Ofenheusle (Fr., 6-8, 310)
WR	**87**	**David Martin (Jr., 6-4, 210)**
	4	Donte' Stallworth (Fr., 6-2, 190)
	11	Bobby Graham (So., 6-0, 185)
WR	**14**	**Cedrick Wilson (Jr., 5-10, 175)**
	80	Eric Parker (So., 6-0, 163)
	26	Leonard Scott (Fr., 5-11, 165)
QB	**17**	**Tee Martin (Sr., 6-3, 215)**
	8	Joey Mathews (Fr., 6-3, 210)
	15	A.J. Suggs (Fr., 6-5, 205)
TB	**20**	**Travis Henry (Jr., 5-11, 220)**
	31	Jamal Lewis (Jr., 6-0, 225)
	25	Onterrio Smith (Fr., 5-11, 190)
FB	**21**	**Phillip Crosby (Sr., 6-2, 243)**
	45	Will Bartholomew (So., 6-0, 230)
	47	Kurston Biggers (Fr., 5-7, 188)

DEFENSE

LE	**93**	**Shaun Ellis (Sr., 6-4, 275)**
	99	DeAngelo Lloyd (Jr., 6-5, 255)
LT	**98**	**John Henderson (So., 6-7, 280)**
	92	Albert Haynesworth (Fr., 6-6, 300)
RT	**58**	**Darwin Walker (Sr., 6-3, 290)**
	95	Rashad Moore (Fr., 6-4, 290)
RE	**90**	**Will Overstreet (So., 6-4, 250)**
	56	Bernard Jackson (So., 6-4, 255)
LLB	**42**	**Eric Westmoreland (Jr., 6-0, 215)**
	22	Anthony Sessions (Jr., 6-1, 210)
MLB	**28**	**Dominique Stevenson (Jr., 6-0, 215)**
	50	Keyon Whiteside (Fr., 6-2, 230)
RLB	**46**	**Raynoch Thompson (Sr., 6-3, 217)**
	59	Judd Granzow (Jr., 6-4, 235)
LCB	**30**	**Andre Lott (Jr., 5-11, 185)**
	3	Willie Miles (So., 6-0, 170)
RCB	**23**	**Dwayne Goodrich (Sr., 6-0, 185)**
	12	Teddy Gaines (So., 6-0, 165)
SS	**2**	**Fred White (Sr., 5-11, 200)**
	33	Derrick Edmonds (Sr., 5-10, 185)
FS	**7**	**Deon Grant (Jr., 6-3, 205)**
	29	Mikki Allen (Sr., 6-0, 175)

SPECIALISTS

PK	**19**	**Alex Walls (Fr., 6-1, 175)**
KO	**43**	**David Leaverton (Jr., 6-4, 210)**
P	**43**	**David Leaverton (Jr., 6-4, 210)**
	38	Seth Reagan (Fr., 6-2, 185)
H	**10**	**Benson Scott (Sr., 6-0, 193)**
DS	**51**	**Kevin Gregory (Sr., 6-4, 270)**
PR	**80**	**Eric Parker (So., 6-0, 163)**
	7	Deon Grant (Jr., 6-3, 205)
KOR	**26**	**Leonard Scott (Fr., 5-11, 165)**
	14	Cedrick Wilson (Jr., 5-10, 175)

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The Vols are familiar with their upcoming opponent as both sides prepare for the rematch in the desert of Phoenix, Ariz., site of the 2000 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl.

The last time these two teams met, their first-ever meeting, Nebraska took a 14-7 halftime lead and turned it into a 42-17 triumph over the Volunteers in the FedEx Orange Bowl in January of 1998.

Both teams have made changes to get to where they are today. The Vols used the loss to make needed changes to catapult them into the 1998 national champion's seat. Nebraska had just captured a share of the 1997 national title in coach Tom Osborne's last game. Since then the Cornhuskers have tried to steer the same course under longtime assistant Frank Solich, who in only his second year has won 20 games while losing only five.

This season the Cornhuskers completed their season ranked third in the country after capturing the Big 12 Conference Championship with a resounding 22-6 triumph over Texas. For Nebraska it was also a chance to avenge their only loss of the season at the hands of Texas, where the Longhorns defeated the Cornhuskers in Austin 24-20 Oct. 23.

The Nebraska season went like this.

In a 42-7 win over Iowa, the Cornhuskers tallied 543 yards of total offense to Iowa's 169. The Hawkeyes lone score came on a blocked punt recovered for a TD.

The following week Nebraska welcomed the California Golden Bears in for stadium dedication ceremonies and demolished the Golden Bears 45-0 as Nebraska quarterback Eric Crouch scored three times in the Cornhuskers 10th shutout of the 1990s.

Nebraska received a real scare from Conference USA foe Southern Mississippi as the Cornhuskers staved off the Golden Eagles rally 20-13 behind a Julius Jackson's interception and fumble return for scores as Keyuo Craver picked off two passes to seal the deal.

Nebraska then traveled to Missouri for a date with the Tigers where the Cornhuskers rambled on, 40-10. Crouch passed for two scores and rushed for another. I-back Correll Buckhalter rushed for 132 yards in the win.

Win number five of the season came in Lincoln as Nebraska used a 31-0 halftime lead to stop Oklahoma State 38-14. The Cowboys were held to 45 yards of total offense in the first half and could not recover from the first half damage.

The Cornhuskers advanced to 6-0 on the season behind Buckhalter's 127 yards and Dan Alexander's 135 yards in thumping Iowa State 49-14.

The Cornhuskers lone blemish came after their open date when they traveled to Austin, Texas, to face the Longhorns. Nebraska's three lost fumbles overshadowed a career-passing day for Crouch, who passed for 204 yards in the 20-14 loss.

Nebraska rebounded from the loss the following week with a critical win over Kansas in Lawrence, Kan. Trailing the Jayhawks 9-0 at the half, the Cornhuskers used a punt return and a TD pass from Crouch to Bobby Newcombe to win 24-17.

Texas A&M thought they were ready for the Big Red machine, but were blasted 37-0 as the Cornhuskers picked off four passes, while the offense churned out 335 rushing yards. Conversely the Aggies had two yards rushing on the day.

The next week Crouch rushed for 158 yards and two TDs while Nebraska's vaunted defense held Kansas State's offense to 92 yards rushing and 234 overall in the Cornhuskers' 41-15 win in Lincoln, revenge for last year.

Colorado and Nebraska have provided some entertaining games in this decade, and this was very much the same. The Cornhuskers appeared to be sailing into the Big 12 Championship game when the Buffalo offense overcame a 21-point halftime deficit only to fall in overtime 33-30. A game-winning field goal

missed the mark as regulation wound down and allowed the Cornhuskers to later prevail in overtime.

In the Big 12 Championship game, the Nebraska defense sacked Major Applewhite seven times and picked off three of his passes as the Cornhuskers extracted a little revenge and a shot at the Vols in Tempe.

Coach Solich's Comments Regarding the Fiesta Bowl and Tennessee. (Dec. 17, 1999)

"Right after the Big 12 Championship Game, we decided to really practice three times that week. It's to keep the guys in shape and keep some timing. When you play in a conference championship game like we did, you lose about a week of recruiting as far as being on the road. We'll practice through the weekend. Part of that is due to recruiting and part is due to the fact we'll leave the 24th. We'll fly to Phoenix and practice there that day and practice on Christmas Day. We'll look at the film on the 26th. We'll then give the players a day off and then go into what would be similar to our game week preparation.

"We've been pretty fortunate throughout the course of the year in terms of any extended injuries that would keep players out for long periods of time. We did get hit hard coming out of the championship game. We were probably as banged up as we've been all year. We are getting those players healed. Some of them are getting back to practice again. We have two that have not practiced as of yet, Dan Alexander and Tracey Wistrom. We expect both of them to play in the game, but how much time they'll have has not been determined. It should be enough for them to play and play well. As we approach the game day, we'll probably be a healthy team. Whether we'll have everybody back is still in question.

"Tennessee is a great football team. I don't think there's any question. Tennessee has a great team and was just a few plays away from playing for a national championship. They have that quality of a team. They'll be a tremendous challenge for us. It will be a great college game that people around the country will have an interest in watching. They'll see some tremendous athletes on the field. It will be a challenge for us. They probably have the most complete offense we will have faced all year. Tee Martin has had a tremendous year. He can hurt you running as well as throwing.

"They really have three great tailbacks, an outstanding fullback, and excellent linemen and receivers. Offensively, they have all the firepower needed to beat anybody in the country. It will be a challenge for our defense to slow them down. Defensively, they have a lot of talented athletes on the field. They run exceptionally well. No one has been able to really run the ball on them consistently. Of course, giving up just three touchdowns on the year on the ground is just an amazing feat. With the team speed they have in that program, special teams have also played well for them. There are no weaknesses on this football team. It will be a game in which we'll have to play extremely well to be in it."

N- Nebraska ranks third in NCAA history with 731 victories and is one of only seven NCAA Division I-A schools to post more than 700 wins.

N- Nebraska leads the nation in consecutive winning seasons with 38, a continuing NCAA record.

N- The Huskers lead the nation in consecutive nine-win seasons with an NCAA-record 31.

N- Nebraska leads the nation in NCAA Today's Top Eight Award winners with 13, including rush end Grant Wistrom in 1997. This is the highest academic honor the NCAA awards to student-athletes. In football, Nebraska has had nine honorees, more than any other individual sports program in the country.

N- In 1998, fullback Joel Makovicka repeated as a first team Academic All-America while punter Bill Lafleur and rush end Chad Kelsay earned NU's 54th and 55th certificates overall.

N- Nebraska leads the Big 12 in graduation rates among football programs. Sixty-six percent of the Huskers leave with degrees in hand.

N- The Huskers have won 33 conference titles outright and have shared another nine. The Huskers won their last four Big Eight Conference crowns (1992-95) outright, the only school to ever do so.

N- Nebraska has had seven athletes win eight Outland Trophies.

N- The Huskers have averaged 30 or more points for 22 straight years (since 1977).

N- The Huskers have won 96 straight games when rushing for over 300 yards in a game. Their last loss - the 1986 Fiesta Bowl against Michigan State.

NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS

2-Deep Depth Chart

		OFFENSE
SE	**3**	**Matt Davison (Jr., 6-1, 185)**
	9	Wilson Thomas (Fr., 6-5, 210)
LT	**69**	**Adam Julch (Sr., 6-5-320)**
	66	John Rutherford (So., 6-3, 300)
LG	**63**	**James Sherman (Sr., 6-4, 295)**
	77	Toniu Fonoti (Fr., 6-4, 330)
C	**54**	**Dominic Raiola (So., 295)**
	51	Matt Baldwin (Sr., 6-2, 285)
RG	**55**	**Russ Hochstein (Jr., 6-4, 290)**
	64	Steve Alstadt (So., 6-5, 280)
RT	**58**	**Dave Volk (So., 6-5, 300)**
	75	Kyle Kollmorgen (So., 6-5, 295)
TE	**87**	**Tracey Wistrom (So., 6-5, 220)**
	99	Aaron Golliday (Fr., 6-4, 270)
QB	**7**	**Eric Crouch (So., 6-1, 195)**
	14	Jeff Perino (Sr., 6-2, 210)
FB	**15**	**Willie Miller (Jr., 6-1, 245)**
	35	Tyrone Uhlir (So., 6-0, 230) or
IB	**38**	**Dan Alexander (Jr., 6-0, 245)**
	36	Correll Buckhalter (Jr., 6-0, 245)
WB	**82**	**Sean Applegate (Sr., 5-9, 185)**
	12	**Bobby Newcombe (Jr., 6-0, 195)**
	8	John Gibson (Jr., 6-0, 185)
		DEFENSE
LR	**81**	**Aaron Wills (Sr., 6-2, 250)**
	57	Chris Kelsay (Fr., 6-5, 270)
NT	**96**	**Steve Warren (Sr., 6-2, 305)**
	70	Jason Lohr (So., 6-2, 280)
DT	**91**	**Loran Kaiser (Jr., 6-4, 295)**
	71	Matt McGinn (So., 6-1, 280)
RR	**83**	**Kyle Vanden Bosch (Jr., 6-4, 270)**
	98	Demoine Adams (Fr., 6-2, 225)
SLB	**37**	**Tony Ortiz (Sr., 6-1, 220) or**
	46	Brian Shaw (Sr., 6-1, 220)
MLB	**13**	**Carlos Polk (Jr., 6-5, 250)**
	48	Jamie Burrow (So., 6-1, 235)
WLB	**27**	**Erick Johnson (Sr., 6-1, 205) or**
	50	Julius Jackson (Sr., 6-1 240)
LCB	**3**	**Keyuo Craver (So., 5-10, 190)**
	5	DeJuan Groce (Fr., 5-10, 190)
FS	**14**	**Dion Booker (So., 6-1, 205) or**
	19	Clint Finley (Jr., 6-0, 205)
ROV	**21**	**Mike Brown (Sr., 5-10, 205)**
	25	Joe Walker (Jr., 5-10, 195)
RCB	**22**	**Ralph Brown (Sr., 5-10, 180)**
	18	Jeff Hemje (So., 6-0, 185)
		SPECIALISTS
P	**17**	**Dan Hadenfelt (Sr., 5-11, 195)**
	26	Josh Brown (Fr., 6-2, 185)
PK	**26**	**Josh Brown (Fr., 6-2, 185)**
	17	Dan Hadenfelt (Sr., 5-11, 195)
KO	**17**	**Dan Hadenfelt (Sr., 5-11, 195)**
	26	Josh Brown (Fr., 6-2, 185)
DS	**52**	**Josh Garrison**
	54	Dominic Raiola (So., 295)
H	**1**	**Frankie London (Sr., 5-11, 180)**
KR	**25**	**Joe Walker (Jr., 5-10, 195)**
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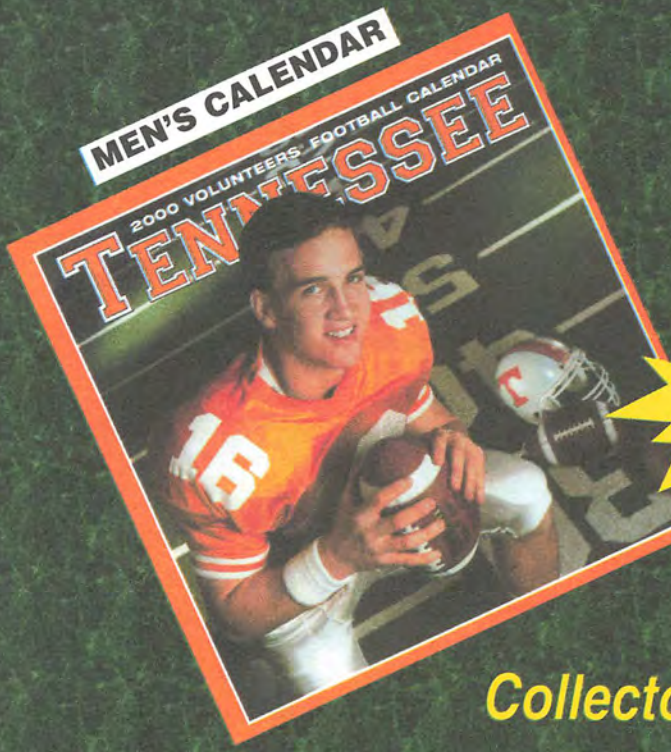

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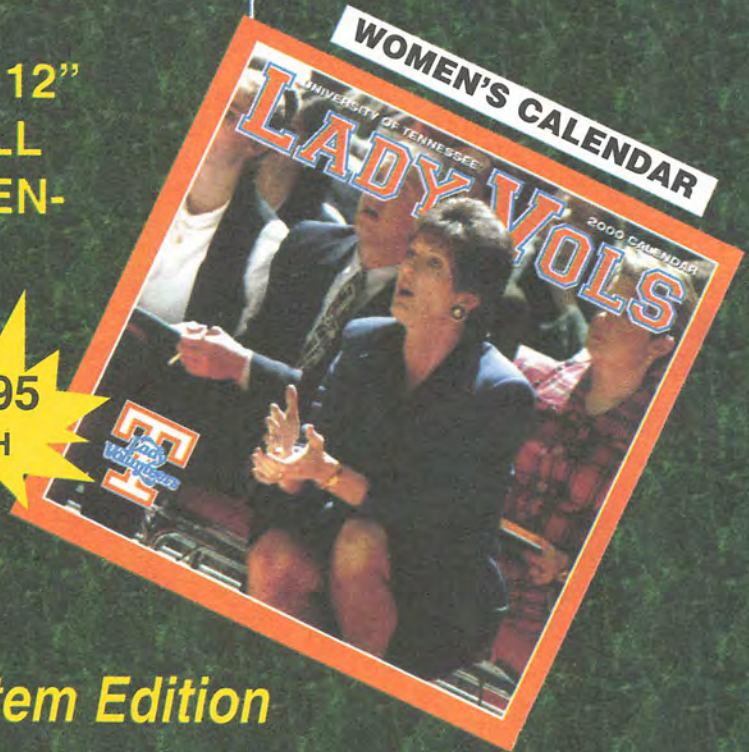

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25 OF THE BEST OF THE 1900s

With the end of the decade of the 1990s, here's a look at 25 of the most memorable games of the past 100 years. The opinions are our own and we invite responsible opposing opinion. They are presented in chronological order.

THE GAME: 1914 Vanderbilt
THE SCORE: 16-14, Tennessee
THE STORY: Vols were 0-11-1 against Vanderbilt going into this game and finished 9-0-0. The first of only three perfect seasons in Vol history. The team the won Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association Championship and gave up but 37 points in the nine games. They also pitched four shutouts.

THE GAME: 1925 Georgia
THE SCORE: 12-7, Tennessee
THE STORY: Bob Neyland took over for M. B. Banks and pulled off the upset that finished in the lingering darkness at Shields-Watkins Field.

THE GAME: 1928 Alabama
THE SCORE: 15-13, Tennessee
THE STORY: This was the pivotal game in Vol football history, the game that put Tennessee football on the map. Gene McEver took the opening kickoff back for a score and the rest is history. The halftime score was 15-13, Tennessee, and that's the way it finished.

THE GAME: 1928 Vanderbilt
THE SCORE: 6-0, Tennessee
THE STORY: Neyland's first win over Vanderbilt after being hired by Dean Dougherty to "do something about the series with Vanderbilt... Do something about our terrible standing the series."

THE GAME: 1939 Oklahoma
THE SCORE: 17-0, Tennessee
THE STORY: In one of the roughest games ever played by a Tennessee team, the Vols took the measure of a strong Oklahoma team. George Cafego set the tone for the game with a solid block on Oklahoma All-America Waddy Young.

THE GAME: 1939 Alabama
THE SCORE: 21-0, Tennessee
THE STORY: A key game in the 1939 season, highlighted by Johnny Butler's 56-yard run for a touchdown in the second quarter behind the second team line. Over the years, it was used a climactic scene for Hollywood sports movies.

THE GAME: 1950 Kentucky
THE SCORE: 7-0, Tennessee
THE STORY: The classic in the snow in Knoxville, highlighted by a Hank Lauricella pass to Bert Rechichar. It also marked the national broadcast debut for UT alum Lindsey Nelson.

THE GAME: 1951 Cotton Bowl (Texas)
THE SCORE: 20-14, Tennessee
THE STORY: Lauricella's 75-yard run, called the greatest he had ever seen by NBC's Bill Stern, keyed first TD drive. It may the most famous non-scoring run in UT history. Andy Kozar scored twice in fourth quarter. Hearing the "Eyes of Texas" outside the Vol dressing room before the game, Gen. Neyland correctly predicted that the "Tennessee Waltz" would be the song of choice after the game.

THE GAME: 1952 Vanderbilt
THE SCORE: 46-0, Tennessee
THE STORY: The game evened the series with Vanderbilt at 21-21-4. From 1926-52, the Vols were 19-4-2 against Vanderbilt. Vanderbilt has only beaten the Vol five times since then. It was Gen. Neyland's last game as Vol head coach and fulfilled Dean Dougherty's command to Neyland back in the 1920s.

THE GAME: 1956 Georgia Tech
THE SCORE: 6-0, Tennessee
THE STORY: Termed the second greatest game ever by Associated Press, the Vols scored a solitary TD in the third quarter and made it stand up. The game

Two Oklahoma defenders collide as an unidentified Tennessee player goes for the ball in the 1939 Orange Bowl, Tennessee's first bowl game. Tennessee won 17-0.

marked a titanic coaching battle between Neyland products Bowden Wyatt and Bobby Dodd.

THE GAME: 1959 LSU

THE SCORE: 14-13, Tennessee

THE STORY: One of two major upsets pulled off by the Vols that season, the key plays of the game were a goal line stand against Billy Cannon at the northeast corner and a 59-yard interception return by Jim Cartwright.

THE GAME: 1965 UCLA

THE SCORE: 37-34, Tennessee

THE STORY: The "Rosebonnet Bowl" in Memphis as termed by Vol broadcaster George Mooney. The Vols and Bruins moved the ball up and down the Memphis Memorial Stadium field and the Vols had one more arrow in their quiver than did UCLA. There was a controversial finish and the prospect for a number of great games to come in the series.

THE GAME: 1967 Alabama

THE SCORE: 24-13, Tennessee

THE STORY: It was the greatest victory of the Dickey era and led to SEC title, the first for the Vols since 1956. Albert Dorsey had three interceptions in the fourth quarter, on his way to All-America status.

THE GAME: 1974 UCLA

THE SCORE: 17-17

THE STORY: The deadlock featured a dramatic return to the field by Condredge Holloway, as he came back from the hospital to lead the final scoring drive.

THE GAME: 1979 Notre Dame

THE SCORE: 40-18, Tennessee

THE STORY: It was the first big win of the Majors Era at Tennessee, as the Vols recovered nicely from a 13-7 loss to Rutgers the week before.

THE GAME: 1985 Auburn

THE SCORE: 38-20, Tennessee

THE STORY: The win over No. 1 Auburn and Heisman Trophy winner Bo Jackson set the Vols on their way to an SEC crown. It was a classic performance by Vol quarterback Tony Robinson.

THE GAME: 1985 Alabama

THE SCORE: 16-14, Tennessee

THE STORY: Dale Jones had a key interception at point-blank range against Mike Shula. Daryl Dickey took over at quarterback after Robinson injured a knee and led the Vols down the home stretch of the season to the SEC crown.

THE GAME: 1986 Sugar Bowl

THE SCORE: 35-7, Tennessee

THE STORY: The Louisiana Superdome became Neyland Stadium South as the Vols yielded an early score and simply took the Hurricanes apart from that point on. Tennessee played a complete game in taking the decisive victory.

THE GAME: 1991 Notre Dame

THE SCORE: 35-34, Tennessee

Price's touchdown catch against the Seminoles gave the Vols a lead they would never relinquish as Tennessee went on to claim their first consensus national title since 1951.

THE STORY: The greatest comeback in Vol history, from 31-7 down in the second quarter. Aaron Hayden scored the game-winner on a beautifully-executed screen pass and Jeremy Lincoln blocked a last-second Irish field goal with his rump to seal the deal.

THE GAME: 1992 Georgia

THE SCORE: 34-31, Tennessee

THE STORY: Heath Shuler makes big play after big play in an offensive shootout, including a fourth down completion to Ron Davis on the game-winning drive. Shuler outdueled Georgia's Eric Zeier to lead the Vols to victory.

THE GAME: 1995 Alabama

THE SCORE: 41-14, Tennessee

THE STORY: Peyton Manning and Joey Kent hooked up for 80 yards on the game's first play. Jay Graham had a 75-yard run late in the third quarter to put the Tide away for good.

THE GAME: 1996 Ohio State

THE SCORE: 20-14, Tennessee

THE STORY: The underdog Vols prevailed in a Central Florida rainstorm. Bill Duff made the key defensive play at Vol 3 yardline on fourth down. Jay Graham ran for a TD and Manning hit Kent for another as Vol defeated the Big 10 co-champs and Heisman Trophy winner.

THE GAME: 1998 Florida

THE SCORE: 20-17, Tennessee (OT)

THE STORY: As John Ward noted, "Pandemonium reigns" when the Vols won in overtime. Jeff Hall knocked home the game-winner on the Vols' first possession of overtime and a Gator field goal went wide left causing as wild a celebration as has ever been seen on Shields-Watkins Field.

THE GAME: 1998 Arkansas

THE SCORE: 28-24, Tennessee

THE STORY: Billy Ratliff's fumble recovery led to key win of the national championship season. Travis Henry carried five times for 43 yards and the game-winning score. The Vols made a break and then took advantage of it in the best Tennessee tradition.

THE GAME: 1999 Florida State

THE SCORE: 23-16, Tennessee

THE STORY: Martin to Peerless Price (twice) led the Vols to their sixth national championship. The first long pass set up a TD pass to Shawn Bryson. The second covered 79 yards and gave the Vols a 20-9 lead. It was a night few Vol fans will ever forget. It was Tennessee's first consensus national championship since 1951.

That's it. The Top 25 games of the 1900s. We welcome (and encourage) conflicting opinion.

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